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1. IN A DISCUSSION WITH FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH ON FEBRUARY 5, HE INDICATED HIS GOVERNMENT WAS AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF THE PREPCOM MEETING IN GENEVA WITH REGARD TO THE PARTICIPATION OF NPT SIGNATORIES IN INTENTION TO CALL A MEETING OF THE APPROPRIATE FRG MINISTERS TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THE PREPCOM SHOULD THERE BE AN UNFAVORABLE DECISION REGARDING THE PARTICI-PATION STATUS OF SIGNATORIES. ROTH SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WOULD BE TO REVIEW WHETHER CIRCUMSCRIBED
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FRG PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE WERE WORTH THE

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2. COMMENT: WE INTERPRET ROTH'S REMARK AS MORE BARK THAN BITE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE FRG HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED SUCH HIGH INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE. THE COMMENT UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECTS THE FRUSTRATION FELT BY ROTH AND OTHER FRG OFFICIALS OVER THE ITALIAN DELAY IN RATIFYING THE NPT
AND THE GERMAN RELUCTANCE TO DEPOSIT THEIR RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS UNILATERALLY FOR FEAR OF RUNNING AFOUL OF THE 18-MONTH TIME LIMIT. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FAVORABLE GROUND RULES FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF SIGNATORIES WOULD REMOVE MUCH OF THE HEAT FROM THE ISSUE IN BOHN. END COMMENT.
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